



## Senate

General Assembly

January Session, 2001

**File No. 154**

Senate Bill No. 1097

*Senate, April 9, 2001*

The Committee on Public Safety reported through SEN. PENN of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 27-102n of the general statutes is repealed and the following  
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) There shall be a Board of Trustees for the Department of  
4 Veterans' Affairs. The board shall be comprised of the commissioner  
5 and nine members who by education or experience shall be qualified  
6 in health care, business management, social services or law and who  
7 shall have a demonstrated interest in the concerns of veterans. The  
8 deputy commissioner of the veterans' advocacy and assistance unit  
9 shall be a nonvoting member of the board. A majority of the members  
10 of the board shall be veterans. Members shall be appointed by the  
11 Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members  
12 shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties. They shall  
13 receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for

14 their reasonable expenses in the performance of their duties.

15 (b) The board shall meet at least [monthly] quarterly and upon the  
16 call of the commissioner. A majority of the members shall constitute a  
17 quorum.

18 (c) The board shall advise and assist the commissioner in the  
19 operation of the Veterans' Home and Hospital, the veterans' advocacy  
20 and assistance unit, the administration, expansion or modification of  
21 existing programs and services of the department and the  
22 development of new programs and services.

23 (d) The board shall review and approve any regulations prior to  
24 adoption by the commissioner concerning: (1) Procedures relating to  
25 admission and discharge or transfer of veterans in the home and  
26 hospital; (2) a per diem fee schedule for programs, services and  
27 benefits provided therein; [,] and (3) the participation of eligible family  
28 members in programs or services provided by the home and hospital.

29 (e) The board shall submit an annual report to the Governor on its  
30 activities with its recommendations, if any, for improving the delivery  
31 of services to veterans and the addition of new programs.

**PS**            *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Minimal Savings

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Veterans Affairs

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation****State Impact:**

This bill requires the Veterans' Affairs board of trustees to meet, at a minimum quarterly, instead of monthly. There will be a savings of about \$320 annually for the department as it will pay reduced mileage expenses.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

SB 1097

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AFFAIRS.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the veterans' affairs board of trustees to meet, at a minimum, quarterly, instead of monthly, thus potentially reducing the frequency of its meetings.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 22      Nay 0